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SUB: APPEAL BY PRIME MINISTER KHIEM

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER TRAN THIEN  
KHIEM ON APRIL 2 BEGIN TEXT:

COMPATRIOTS NATIONWIDE: FOR NEARLY A MONTH NOW, THE NORTH  
VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE BRAZENLY TRAMPLED ON THE PARIS AGREEMENT  
BY LAUNCHING A GENERAL OFFENSIVE THROUGHOUT RVN TERRITORY. THEY  
HAVE OCCUPIED TWELVE PROVINCES IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS IN MR I AND  
PART OF MR II, CREATING A VERY TENSE SITUATION.

IN THE FACE OF THIS SITUATION, I CONFIRM THE DETERMINATION OF THE  
GOVERNMENT TO FIRMLY DEFEND THE REMAINING AREA OF THE NATION AND  
TO RESTORE OUR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS NATIONAL SALVATION UNDERTAKING, IN  
THE PAST WEEK, WE HAVE CAREFULLY LISTENED TO MANY VIEWS AND  
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CONTACTED MANY PERSONALITIES REPRESENTING MANY RELIGIOUS ORDERS

AND POLITICAL TENDENCIES. THESE TALKS HAVE BEEN AIMED AT ACHIEVING GREAT NATIONAL SOLIDARITY IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION AND DEFEAT AGGRESSION.

I CALL ON ALL NATIONAL COMBATANTS AND CADRES TO HIGHLY DEVELOP THEIR SPIRIT OF DEVOTION TO DUTY AND TO REMAIN IN THEIR POSITIONS IN ORDER TO FIGHT TO DEFEND THE TERRITORY AND PROTECT THE COMPATRIOTS. ALL DERELICTIONS OF DUTY AND DESERTIONS WILL BE SEVERLY PUNISHED.

I ALSO CALL ON THE COMPATRIOTS OF ALL CIRCLES TO REMAIN CALM AND HEIGHTEN VIGILANCE AGAINST THE ADVERSARY'S PLOT TO POISON THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE. I CALL ON THE COMPATRIOTS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE CIVIL DEFENSE WORK IN ORDER TO DEFEND OUR WARDS, SUBWARDS, VILLAGES AND HAMLETS.

WITH REGARD TO THE COMPATRIOTS WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR NATIVE PLACES BECAUSE OF THEIR NATIONAL SPIRIT AND THEIR LOVE FOR FREEDOM, I GUARANTEE TO THESE COMPATRIOTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING ITS BEST TO NORMALIZE THEIR LIVELIHOOD. THIS WORK CAN BE PERFORMED SATISFACTORILY BECAUSE FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

IN THE WORLD ARE READY TO HELP US. HOWEVER, THIS ASSISTANCE CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF THE COMPATRIOTS MAINTAIN CALM AND ORDER.

DURING THE PAST WEEKS, WE HAVE SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES PARTLY BECAUSE OF A LACK OF CALM AND DISCIPLINE. NOW, WITH A CALM ATTITUDE AND WITH THE DETERMINATION TO FIGHT OF ALL OF OUR SOLDIERS AND PEOPLE, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO STOP AGGRESSION AND SAFEGUARD OUR COUNTRY.

MY CORDIAL REGARDS TO YOU ALL. END TEXT.  
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